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Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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DISTRICT CONVENTION

Meet in Sweetwater Saturday August 22nd and Formerly Declared Hon. W. R. Smith the Nominee

The executive committee of the district met at 10 o'clock a. m. and canvassed the returns of the primary election for the Democratic nomination for representative in Congress from the 16th district and reported the result to the convention as follows:

County	Smith	Cunningham
Borden	102	80
Brewster	164	125
Callahan	972	586
Coke	429	198
Concho	238	169
Crockett	82	43
Crosby	138	64
Dawson	192	149
Eastland	1758	846
Ector	188	57
Edwards	14	5
El Paso	2466	763
Fisher	716	691
Gaines	124	76
Garza	88	19
Glasscock	84	37
Haskell	889	829
Howard	429	414
Irion	85	149
Jeff Davis	24	15
Jones	1082	1290
Kent	161	105
Kimble Smith's maj.	40	
King, no returns		
Lubbock	209	85
Lynn	151	123
Martin	192	161
Menard	211	141
Mitchell	886	211
Midland	281	168
Nolan	670	379
Palo Pinto	1554	820
Pecos	62	31
Presidio	246	68
Reagan	69	37
Reeves	283	163
Runnels	1088	857
Schleicher	125	132
Scurry	691	142
Shackelford	210	132
Stephens	660	362
Sterling	128	68
Stonewall	226	325
Sutton	124	110
Taylor	851	1519
Terrell	60	24
Terry	198	65
Tom Green	1297	360
Ward	295	58
Yosam	35	28
	21,160	13,555

Smith's majority 7,605.

Hon. W. C. Martin, of Roby, Fisher county, was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 16th Congressional district of the ensuing two years.

PLATFORM

Hon. Joseph U. Sweeney, Chairman of the Democratic Convention of the 16th Congressional District:

We your committee on Platform and resolutions, beg leave to report the following platform and recommend its adoption by this convention:

We, the representatives of the democrats of the 16th congressional district of Texas in convention assembled, do reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of

the democratic party as taught by Thomas Jefferson, and as illustrated by the teachings and examples of a long line of Democratic statesmen and patriots. We endorse in its entirety the platform adopted at Denver recently by the democratic party in national convention assembled, and we do most heartily ratify the nomination by this convention of Hon. William Jennings Bryan and Hon. John W. Kern, for president and vice president, respectively, and pledge them our unstinted support.

We endorse the record in congress of our representative, Hon. W. R. Smith, and declare that his services to that body has been marked by ability, industry, sound judgment and fidelity to the interests of the people.

We especially endorse his work in securing legislation authorizing the construction of the weather bureau building at Abilene, Tex., to cost \$15,000,000; a post office building at Mineral Wells, to cost \$50,000,000; a United States Court and post office building at San Angelo, to cost \$10,000,000; in securing appropriations amounting to \$482,000,000 for the eradication of the cattle fever tick; in securing legislation extending the provisions of the reclamation act to Texas, and particularly in securing the erection of the Elephant Butte Dam at a cost of \$7,000,000,000 which will result in the reclamation of more than 700,000 acres of Texas arid lands, and we endorse his efforts to secure the completion of the same at the earliest possible date; in securing the extension of the night bus delivery service to enable farmers through the means of night rural routes serving a population of approximately 50,000 people; his entire work having been accomplished during his service of five years in congress. And we further endorse his efforts to secure the enactment of a measure prohibiting dealing in futures in cotton and other agricultural products.

We believe that railway companies engaged in inter-state commerce should be required by law to furnish an adequate supply of cars at all times to shippers and that the power should be conferred upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to act upon their own initiative in fixing rates and we especially endorse the efforts put forth by Hon. W. R. Smith in Congress to secure the enactment of laws to accomplish these ends.

Mr. Smith's appearance in the convention was a signal for an outburst of hearty applause. Mr. Smith made a brief speech of acceptance that voiced his appreciation of the hearty endorsement given him at the primary by the people, which was a clear-cut, forceful outline of Democratic principles and of the issues involved in the national campaign. Mr. Smith was at his best and was warmly applauded throughout his address, and at the close was given an ovation that must have impressed him with the high esteem in which he is held by the democrats of the 16th district.—West Texas News.

The Texas Show company have been furnishing attractions here the past week at their tent and large crowds have witnessed their performances each night.

LUBBOCK A CORN COUNTRY

Past Years Prove That This is the Corn Belt of the West — How is Fifty Bushel Per Acre?

W. H. Putman one of Lubbock county's most prominent stock farmers favored our office with a pleasant visit Monday evening. He reported that a good rain fell on his place 14 miles northeast of Lubbock that day. Mr. Putman is one of our oldest citizens and though he has not devoted much of his attention to farming he has always raised some crop. He has about 200 acres in cultivation this year, all planted in corn and feed stuff. He has 30 acres of corn this year that is good, and he says he has never gathered less than 20 bushels to the acre since he has been planting, some six or eight years, and only a very few times has it dropped that low. He says his neighbors, Mr. Phipps has 30 acres of corn this year which will average from 20 bushels with all crops. How is that for corn Mr. East Texas? These are both reliable men and if you are in the least doubtful as to the truth of this statement we are sure you can be satisfied by dropping a card to our informant. The Plains beyond doubt is the corn belt of West Texas, and farmers are always content in this crop making every year. Cotton too is a success on the plains. It seldom ever yields less than one third of a bale per acre and often half to two-thirds and some sections a bale per acre has been gathered. Don't be afraid to come to Lubbock county. If you are a farmer come and get a home get to work, and we are sure you can make as good or even better living than you are making where you are.

School Opens

The 1908-09 term of public school opened Monday morning with a good attendance, about 300 pupils being enrolled. The teachers were all present ready to begin the duties of the term. They are Prof. E. R. Haynes, superintendent, P. F. Brown, W. M. Shaw, Messames E. R. Haynes, W. S. Norton and Miss May Norton, which in our opinion is a splendid corps of teachers and will no doubt make this the best school ever taught in Lubbock, not casting any reflections on the teachers of the past, but the surroundings are more favorable hence better opportunities are offered the school now.

There were present at the opening of the school a number of visitors, parents and friends of the pupils and teachers and the morning session was devoted to speech making by different parties including Judges Jno. R. McGee, R. Dean, Rev. Word, Presbyterian pastor here, and Rev. Jones of Big Springs, also of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Smith, pastor of the Christian church, and probably others whose names could have been overlooked.

The faculty should have the hearty co-operation of every man and woman in Lubbock.

The Avalanche hopes to be able to report from time to time progress in the school work.

In New Quarters

R. A. Rankin & Sons are busy moving their large stock of groceries and hardware into their new concrete building. This is now the nicest business house in Lubbock and the arrangements are well selected which makes the stock show up magnificently. The building is equipped with modern built shelving and dust proof hardware cabinets of the most modern patterns, two large show windows grace the front of the building which will add to the attractiveness when everything is properly arranged. Lubbock should feel proud that she has such progressive merchants within her walls as Rankin & Sons, and their constantly increasing business is a pretty good indication that they are properly appreciated.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Thought for Sept.—A Fresh Start
Song
Topic—A Fresh Start in the Home (Prov. 4:1-4)
Prayer
Song
Point of Contact—Edly Delf
Truth to be Appealed—Ray Porter
Song
Memorial verses from Bible—Lattimore, Murfee, Wolford, Hardy, Leo Elliot, Ina Richards.
Reading—Valeria Hart.
Song
The Text—Mrs. Hardy.
Benediction
Leader—Bernice Wolfarth.

B. A. P. C.

Devotional Meeting; dwelling in tents.
Leader—Miss Lillie Barclay.
Scripture—Reading—Hebrews 11:8-19, 13-16.
Hymn
The exceeding great and precious promises—Paper by Mr. King.
Abraham's tent life—Paper by Miss Deenie Johnson.
Lesson from Abraham's life—Paper by Miss Irene Dixon.
Faith when we do not understand—Address by Mrs. Mobley.
Hymn
A life to come a fulfillment of this life—Address by pastor.
Closing exercises.

In the opinion of the Avalanche man there should be a general cleaning up of rubbish in the alleys and back of the business houses of this town. We should at least be sufficiently interested, and have enough pride about ourselves to keep our own premises in a decent condition, if every one would do this there would be a great improvement in the looks of our town—clean up! Clean up!

Lubbock looks good to others besides those living here. One man from our neighbor town of Plainview that "cross roads town" "the best town west of the Mississippi River etc." this week purchased 67 lots in in the Overton addition to Lubbock. Lubbock is on the map and she will enjoy the prefix "city" before some of her neighbor towns know it if they don't look out.

Lubbock got another ground soaker Monday. You bet it rains in Lubbock county.

KENNEDY IN HOUSTON

Makes Buggy Trip Over New Railroad Route—\$600,000 in Cash Bonuses Subscribed to Enterprise

Ed Kennedy, president of the Altus, Roswell and El Paso railroad, a new road which will be built from Altus, Okla., to Roswell, N. M., a distance of 280 miles, returned to Houston yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy and son, W. B. Kennedy. The elder Kennedy recently completed a trip in a buggy over the line of the road, requiring twelve days to make the trip.

On his buggy trip Mr. Kennedy was accompanied by H. H. Fielder, chief engineer of the road. The president said that forty miles of the road have already been graded and now ready for the steel, which will soon be on the ground. He said that work of completing the line would be rushed speedily forward.

"The people on the line of road are enthusiastic over what it will mean for them," said Mr. Kennedy as is shown by the very liberal support they have given it. Cash bonuses amounting to \$600,000 have already been put up, making the completion of the road a certainty.

Mr. Kennedy is well known as a railroad promoter, the Brenham, Sour Lake and Westport, and a part of the Franco system, operating with him, and the Houston, Sabine and Red River, which has become a part of the proposed Yackton and Southern, was also promoted by him. Houston Post.

Mr. Kennedy will be in Lubbock in a few days with his surveying corps and the work of locating the line will begin. The advance squadron of graders arrived in our city yesterday, awaiting orders to proceed. Those who have not signed bonus contracts should do so right away, quick, so that no hitch will occur in our side of the contract.

Capt. John Bacon, of Denton, traveling freight agent for the Texas & Pacific Ry. and old time friend and neighbor of Judge H. C. Ferguson, of our city, spent a day or two here this week visiting the latter, and looking at the country. He was much pleased with the town of Lubbock and the country surrounding it and hopes to make this his home some time in the near future.

Robert, the 11 year old son of Clyde McCommens fell from a loaded wagon last week, while returning from Plainview and broke his right leg. The wagon which was loaded with 2000 pounds of coal passed over his leg with the above results. The little fellow is resting easy at the present writing.

Rev. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, returned to his home in Big Springs, Thursday after having preached here several good sermons.

Miss Hattie McGee left Monday for Sherman where she will enter the Kidd-Key College.